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IN RE APPLICATION

OF: ZOCHER ET AL.

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EXAMINER:
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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.113(c) AND §1.116

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of May 19, 2004, it is respectfully requested that the following amendment and remarks be entered and considered by the Examiner in the above-identified application:

A M E N D M E N T

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel Claim 4 and amend Claim 17 as indicated in the Listing of Claims set forth in Appendix I attached to this paper.